

Topics:

- Review and Comment of Committee Letters
- Planning for the Transportation Seminar

Attendees:

CAB members:

Marvin Clawson
Lisa Crawford
Ken Moore
Doug Sarno
Bob Tabor
Tom Wagner
Gene Willeke

Media

Rachel Melcer

FCAB Action Items:

- 1) Revise letters to Mr. Michael Skougard, the Ohio Congressional Delegation, Mr. Jack Craig, Ms. Leah Dever, and Mr. Jim Owendoff
- 2) Create an outline of goals and focus for the Transportation Seminar
- 3) Ask DOE for an update on the status of replacing the white metal boxes

Meeting Summary:

Review and Comment of the Committee Letters

Doug drafted the three letters the Committee had discussed at the October 12, 1998 meeting. The first letter is to Mr. Michael Skougard. It states that the FCAB supports the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Intermodal Transportation of Low-level Radioactive Waste to the Nevada Test Site (NTS). The FCAB prefers intermodal transportation of low-level waste by train to Caliente, NV, where it will be transferred to trucks and driven to NTS. The letter also asks Mr. Skougard to work with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Air Force to open the road which goes through the Nellis Air Force Base to truck traffic. Opening this road would both reduce the trip by 300 miles and avoid Native American land and population centers. The FCAB believes a schedule can be arranged with the Base for the safe passage of trucks. With a few minor corrections, the committee approved this letter.

The next letter is to the Ohio Congressional Delegation stating the FCAB supports the EA and wants the U.S. Congress to work with the U.S. Air Force to open the road through Nellis Air Force Base. After a discussion concerning addressing the letter to all the Ohio Representatives, the Committee decided to address the letters to Senators John Glenn and Mike DeWine, and Representatives John Boehner and Rob Portman. Lisa recommended adding a line stating the FCAB has studied the issue and is available for discussion with the members of Congress. With some corrections and additions, the committee approved this letter.

The third letter is to Mr. Jack Craig, Ms. Leah Dever, and Mr. Jim Owendoff stating the FCAB supports the EA, wants the road through Nellis Air Force Base open to truck traffic, and will be hosting an inter-SSAB workshop on transportation issues in the Spring of 1999. The committee approved this letter.

The Committee discussed if the site was prepared to begin shipment of the low-level waste to NTS. At the full CAB meeting, the Committee will ask Jack Craig about the



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status of the white metal boxes and what steps the site has taken to prepare for intermodal shipping. The DOE is awaiting a draft contract from CSX before shipping can begin.

Transportation Seminar

Doug met with Martha Crosland, of the U.S. DOE, concerning the budget for the transportation seminar. Fernald should receive approximately \$35,000 from Headquarters for the transportation seminar.

The committee will host the seminar, focusing on low-level waste on a weekend in the spring of 1999. The schedule the committee decided upon is as follows: opening reception on Thursday evening, tour of the Fernald Site on Friday morning, workshops Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, and a half day on Sunday. The Committee will develop an outline of topics for the seminar and will develop a division of tasks to present to the other SSABs for comment. The main components of the seminar will be education, dialog, and issues/recommendations. Due to the volatile nature of the issue of transporting high-level waste, the Committee believes limiting the workshop to low-level waste will be more beneficial to all the SSABs.

